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GVHC Board Honors Paul Campbell With Farewell Reception and Gift

by Al Skolnik

A farewell reception for departing manager Paul Campbell and his wife, attended by over 100 friends and associates, featured the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors meeting last Friday night. Campbell is leaving within the next ten days for a 2-year United Nations assignment as National Director of Housing for the West Indian island of Jamaica.

The Campbells were presented with a portable transistor radio and a silver tray by the GVHC board and employees, as a token of the high esteem with which the couple was held. In presenting the gifts, GVHC president Ed Burgoon read a resolution of appreciation adopted by the board, describing in detail the services Campbell rendered in putting GVHC on a sound footing.

Mayor Tom Canning also presented to Campbell a resolution adopted by the city council, praising him for his cooperation with city officials in making Greenbelt a better place to live in.

Campbell, in response to the accolades, reiterated that the accomplishments of GVHC in the last few years were a tribute not to one man but to all the GVHC staff and members who were determined to make this venture into mutual housing under private auspices a success.

Campbell's successor, Major John O. Walker, was introduced to the assemblage. He drew sympathetic laughter from the group with his comment that he was in the unenviable position of having to follow in Campbell's footsteps. "It would be much easier," he added ruefully, "if my predecessor had been fired!"

Board Business

Before the reception, the board held a short business meeting. It approved the transfer of authorization from Campbell to Walker for the signing of checks and the exercising of the power of attorney. Walker has been working closely with Campbell since January 22, becoming acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of the managership and with the more pressing and current problems facing GVHC.

In other action, the board approved a request from one of the occupants of the 5 GVHC-owned detached homes on Woodland Way to provide shingles to be applied to the exterior plywood walls. The cost of labor will be provided by the occupant.

The board set Wednesday, March 20, for the annual membership meeting. The nominations committee was authorized to fill the two committee vacancies in preparation for the board elections to be held at the annual meeting.

Announcement of changes in board meeting nights for the next two months was made—meetings will be held on February 15, March 1, 15, and 29.

WHAT GOES ON

Friday, February 1 - 8:45 p.m., Duplicate bridge. Social room, Center school

Saturday, February 2 - 9 p.m., Benefit dance, Junior Marching Unit, at Legion Home.

8 p.m., Women League Officer's installation, at Fire Dept. Club Room.

Sunday, February 3 - 8:30 p.m., Community Folk Dancers, JCC building, Westway and Ridge

Monday, February 4 - 8:30 p.m., Little Theater Group meets at JCC building.

8 p.m., Regular meeting of city council in city office.

Thursday, February 7 - 8 p.m., Special city council meeting on master plan.

Fire Dept. Shares Top Prize In State Contest

The Greenbelt Fire Department shared first place honors in the state of Maryland for their activities during "Fire Prevention Week". The contest, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association, judged the fire departments for their work in publicizing fire prevention through the local press, exhibits, programs and education.

The local fire department, only one year old, entered the national contest for the first time last year, and shared with Silver Spring top honors. Next two prize-winners were Baltimore and Bethesda, with honorable mentions going to Kensington, Aberdeen, Leonardtown and Tuxedo-Cheverly. Members of the fire department are proudly displaying a scrap-book of photos, publicity material and documents that enabled them to gain first prize.

The local Rescue Squad also won an award given by the College Park Rotary Club last week for their "Traffic Safety" project. The squad set up a safety exhibit calling the attention of motorists to the influence of liquor on drivers. Ralph Miller accepted the second prize award, a bronze plaque, on behalf of the squad. The contest was held during the holiday season.

Other Reports

Campbell reported that GVHC attorneys Krooth and Altman have suggested the advisability of recording the mutual ownership contract in the county recorder's office, so as to provide complete legal protection to GVHC members. It was thought that one sample contract, with a list of all members kept up to date, would be satisfactory. The board requested more information on costs before making a decision.

Campbell also reported that the State Roads Commission has notified GVHC and PDC that condemnation proceedings would be held on February 25 regarding 79 acres owned by Continental Construction Company which is needed by the Commission for the right-of-way for the new inter-county belt freeway between Greenbelt rd. and Edmonston rd. Joseph Kanter, president of CCC, rejected the original offer of the Commission as being less than the value of the land as residential property.

Legal Advertisement

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION hereby gives notice that pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-D of the Maryland-Washington Regional District Act, being Chapter 992, Laws of Maryland, 1943, as amended, a public hearing on the Proposed Zoning and Street Plan for the City of Greenbelt, the said plan being a part of the general plan for the physical development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District, will be held at

8:00 P.M.

on

Wednesday, February 27, 1957

in the

Greenbelt Elementary School

Crescent and Southway Roads

Greenbelt, Maryland

Copies of the proposed plan are available for public distribution at the Commission's Prince George's County Regional Office, The Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale.

The purpose of the said hearing is to afford an opportunity for all interested persons to express their views concerning the proposed plan before adoption by the Commission.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

By CARLTON E. PYLES, Chairman.

Attest:

JESSE F. NICHOLSON
Secretary-Treasurer
1-31-57—1t

Council Discusses City Center, Will Meet Again On Master Plan

by Russell Greenbaum

The city council at its special meeting last Monday, January 28, set next Thursday, February 7, for another special meeting, this one to formalize the council's long-awaited master plan for Greenbelt. In addition Monday, February 11, was set for a public hearing on the council's plan to integrate the city's water and sewerage system with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. A meeting on the major overhaul and cleaning of the lake was set for March 11.

The council decided not to have a public hearing on the city's master plan since the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has announced a public hearing February 27 at Center school to discuss its proposed plan for Greenbelt. Since the city has not prepared a map outlining its plan nor a formal program in writing, the council plans to superimpose on the carefully detailed map prepared by the commission the council's own ideas and variations. This will be completed in time to present it to the hearing.

The discussion on plans for the proposed municipal center, which was the original purpose of Monday's special meeting, centered around whether the center should be built all at once or in sections and how expensive should it be. Most of the council and the city manager agreed that the complete municipal center would probably cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000. There was some doubt, however, that the city could afford such an expense, and councilman Jim Smith argued that a center costing about \$150,000 would be more realistic. On the other hand, he pointed out, the \$3600 a year the city now pays to rent its offices would go a long way toward paying for such a building.

It was generally agreed that if the municipal center is to be built in sections, housing for the local fire department and rescue squad should have top priority. The latter organization has been unable to obtain a loan to erect its own building because the lending agencies feel that unless all of its surplus funds are devoted to improving equipment that is nearly obsolete, the organization itself will soon cease to exist. The fire department's dilemma is that it is useless to buy new trucks to replace its 1936 equipment unless it has a suitable building to house them. The present firehouse on Centerway is inadequate for this purpose and outmoded.

In connection with what facilities are to be included in the new center, Marianna Schmidt, representing the Friends of the Library, spoke on the need for space for an expanded library. She said there was no place to read in the present library. The council agreed that the inclusion of a library would be logical. On the question of costs councilman Smith moved that the city manager prepare a report on what would be the cost in interest and the effect on the tax rate of municipal centers ranging between \$100,000 and \$250,000. It was thought that bonds could be sold at 3.5 per cent and no more than 4 per cent interest.

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FIRST AID COURSE

A first aid course conducted by Donald Pratt, lieutenant with the Greenbelt Rescue Squad, will start as soon as at least 15 men and women sign up. It will be held on Tuesday nights for 10 weeks from 8:30 to 10:30.

Pratt is very well qualified and has been teaching this course for many years. Call 9272 if you are interested. There is no fee for the course.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Council of the City of
Greenbelt, Maryland

February 4, 1957

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting, January 21.
Minutes of Special Meeting, January 28.
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Consider Social Security for City Employees
7. Ordinance - Second Reading - Special Tax for Cleaning Center
8. Ordinance - Second Reading - Amend Municipal Code - Bus Terminal

Spectacular Fire Causes Extensive Damage to Greenbelt Brick Home

by Isadore Parker

A spectacular fire, originating from a cigarette spark, completely destroyed one bedroom and caused extensive damage to the second floor of the brick home of Grady Jenkins, 45-G Ridge, last Thursday night. The Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad and the Berwyn Heights fire department answered the alarm and fought the blaze for fifteen minutes before getting it under control. Four fire trucks, one ambulance and a rescue truck were part of the equipment brought to the 45 court.

Damage to the property was estimated by the fire department to be about \$4000. Spokesmen for the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation stated that the house was fully insured, and repairs were started last Monday. It is reported that the Jenkins family had not insured the furnishings. They are living with nearby relatives pending restoration of the house.

The fire is said to have started from a cigarette ash that set fire to a bed. Occupants of the house made an effort to put the fire out and thought it successful. Upon smelling smoke later, Jenkins' son opened the bedroom door and was met by a fierce blaze. The fire had burned the telephone wires, and the son ran next door to call in the alarm; by this time several neighbors had called the fire department. The squad came in a few minutes, fighting the fire in freezing weather while a crowd of nearby residents watched. Neighbors described the fire as shooting out the windows of the end-of-the-row house, casting a red glow into the misty sky.

None of the occupants or firefighters were injured. Several residents of adjoining homes in the row reported damage to clothing and other articles from smoke which spread through the attic. After putting out the fire, the firemen spent several hours cleaning up the debris and mopping up the water. About 25 men answered the alarm and the two companies laid out 1200 feet of hose, according to one fire department official. The ladies auxiliary was at the fire hall to serve coffee to the men.

Fire department officials have warned the public to call the squad in any case of smoldering mattresses or sofas, as these fires are very likely to spread.

Lions Install Five Members at Dinner

The Greenbelt Lions club inducted five new members into their organization at a dinner meeting on Monday, January 28. The new Lions are: Jim Wolfe, George Freaner, Scott Sandilands, Dave Nuse, and Joseph O'Laughlin. These community spirited men will help, in part, to fill the vacancies left by the Rev. Terry Braund, Paul Campbell, and Dr. Jules Edlow, who resigned from the club due to their moving from Greenbelt.

The club also enjoyed a program presentation by the Narcotics Squad of the Metropolitan Police Dept. A very informative talk and movies, along with the showing of a sample kit of all kinds of narcotics and equipment, gave a very full and complete picture of the pitfalls and horrible results of using drugs in any manner other than under the supervision of a competent physician.

Active Search Begun For Braund's Successor

The screening process for a prospective ministerial replacement of the Rev. Eric T. Braund by the Greenbelt Community Church is well under way, according to Lloyd L. Moore, chairman of the Pastoral Supply Committee.

Contacts and interviews have been made with several competent men who are interested in coming to Greenbelt. It is the hope of the committee to present a promising candidate in the near future. See SEARCH, Page 3



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Local Songbird Wins Second Place Honors

Greenbelt's songstress Donna Jean Evans, age 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Evans, 16-V Ridge, won second place honors in the talent contest finals sponsored by WTTG's Record Hop Saturday, January 26. Over 2,000 talented youngsters from the Washington area vied for the opportunity to appear on this program. Donna Jean made her singing debut about two months ago at one of the twelve weekly contests, and her lovely voice captured first honors at that time. This gave Donna Jean the chance to participate in the finals which were judged by Mitch Miller, Hugo Winterhalter, and Russ Morgan, all famous in the musical world.

Donna Jean sang Unchained Melody, and was accompanied by Mrs. Louis Lushine, 3-C Gardenway. Mitch Miller, impressed by Donna's fine voice, likened her to Helen Morgan and Rosemary Clooney. He predicts a bright future for this young lady.

Hugo Winterhalter had this to say about Donna Jean: "In three or four years, with the right supervision and hard work, Donna Evans' basic talent will probably make her one of the outstanding recording stars in the business."

Donna Jean, a seventh grader at Greenbelt Junior High, studied with Lydalu Palmer for five years.

Letters to the Editor

VOLUNTARY RECREATION TO THE EDITOR:

At its January 21st meeting, the Greenbelt City Council took action concerning recreation in this city which, though unnoted in the local press, seems to me worthy of public attention.

As a result of unanimous Council action, Mayor Canning will formally request every organization in the city to designate official representatives to a special recreation committee whose function will be to help the city's Recreation Director implement the programs he devises.

What Council is doing, in effect, is stating to the people of this community that, either personally or through their voluntary organizations, they must assume a greater share of the burden of maintaining a comprehensive recreational program.

No municipality can provide for all the recreational and social needs of a community, nor should it attempt to do so. But present day standards and current problems require a level of organized recreational and social activity higher than previously recognized—this implies coordination of effort.

Our Recreation Department is the logical coordinating agency, but the city budget for this year does not provide that department with sufficient funds to meet the manpower needs for a full recreational program for the various age groups in the city—nor can it ever.

City funds must be supplemented by volunteer help—volunteer help on a regular, systematic basis. The special committee Council is now seeking to establish is designed to serve as the recruiting agency for that help.

The importance Council attaches to the committee is indicated by the fact that the move to bring it into being was not the result of a few minutes discussion but was the culmination of extended discussions by Council at a number of regular and special meetings.

A more striking reflection of the importance of the committee's task is given by the language of the motion stating that failure of volunteer help to materialize might necessitate curtailment of the city's recreation program!

Alan Kistler

THANKS

TO: Chief Joseph D'Agostino
We want to take this opportunity to thank you and your two assistants, Paul Russo and Hayward Hunt, for the wonderful service you rendered us last Thursday (3 a.m.)

We shall always be grateful to the Greenbelt Rescue Squad. The peace of mind that residents of Greenbelt can have knowing that you are within minutes' call is priceless.

Sam & Freda Vernoff

Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik

Mrs. Paul Campbell, 6-L Ridge, is looking forward to her new adventure in Jamaica. Mrs. Campbell, an explorer at heart, feels she will enjoy the new experience of living abroad.

The Campbells will be leaving Greenbelt at the end of this week. While Campbell leaves immediately for the West Indies, Mrs. Campbell plans to go on to Pittsburgh to visit with her daughter and two sons and their families (there are five grandchildren). During her stay in Pittsburgh, assisted by her daughter, she will shop for summer togs. A water enthusiast, Mrs. Campbell hopes to take advantage of Jamaica's warm climate. Toward the latter part of February she will fly to her new home which will probably be located outside of Kingston. Mrs. Campbell admits that she will probably suffer some moments of loneliness, but has already collected the names of several U. S. couples in that area. Their daughter and her family also expect to visit mom and dad in their new quarters.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, 33-S Ridge, were their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Huddleston of Portsmouth, Virginia, and the Smith's daughter Alice, a student nurse at the Church Home Hospital in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baclawski have moved from 9-J Ridge to 11226 Mitsher St., Kensington, Maryland. Their new telephone number is Whitehall 6-2315.

The many friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs, mother of Janet Parker, 45-J Ridge, will be glad to hear that she's on the mend after breaking her elbow in a fall. Mrs. Jacobs hopes to be home soon from Emergency Hospital.

Listen to this! Mrs. Stanley R. Edwards, 19-J Ridge, was a \$50.00 winner in the recent Nescafe Jingle Contest. A contest "enterer" myself, I think this is just wonderful.

The Ben Hermans, 2-A Crescent have a new telephone number - GRanite 4-7716.

Congratulations to Jack Herman who celebrated his sixteenth birthday on January 17. Birthday greetings are also in order for Mel Herman who was fourteen on January 29.

The board of the Woman's Club entertained last Sunday afternoon at tea in honor of Mrs. Paul Campbell, who is soon to leave Greenbelt for Jamaica, at the home of the president, Mrs. Jay Brubaker. Mrs. Al Long presided at the tea table. A gift was presented to the guest of honor.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

We would like more members to join this selective group. The golden age is for men and women sixty and over. We meet every Wednesday at 1:30 at the community center in the social room. Different projects are worked on, we have guest speakers and movies, individual sewing and bingo. Join in and be an exclusive member.

Lutheran Church Dedicates New Organ

Greenbelt Lutheran Church, 22 Ridge Road, dedicates its new organ Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. An organ musicale, featuring Miss Barbara Koontz, Miss Jill Jamison, and Miss Ruth Rosenzweig, will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The musicale program includes selections by Miss Koontz, a music major at American University and organist of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Rainier. Miss Koontz will play several numbers, including "Sleepers Awake" and "Pas-sacaglia in C-minor" by Bach.

Miss Jamison, a soloist from American University, will sing the soprano solo from "Jesu, Joy and Treasure" (Buxtehude) and "My Jesus is My Lasting Joy" (Buxtehude). Miss Rosenzweig, a teacher from Concordia Lutheran School in Hyattsville, will accompany a hymn singing period.

This musicale is a climax of a successful campaign conducted by the Lutheran Men's Club to raise funds for a new organ. Members and friends of the congregation pledged over \$4000 for the organ. Their contributions enabled the congregation to purchase a Baldwin Organ, Model 5A. The organ was installed last month.

Members of the Organ Appeals Committee were Mr. Leland Leasia, Chairman; Mr. Ed Trumbule; and Mr. Donald Weiskerger.

The Lydia Guild will serve refreshments at the close of the program Sunday afternoon

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Police Dissension Revealed; Council Acts To Fill Vacant Post Of Chief

by Russell Greenbaum

Following a discussion sparked by an admission from city manager Charles McDonald that there is dissension in the Greenbelt police force, the city council at its meeting on Monday, January 28, agreed that it would be advisable to fill the vacant position of police chief. The subject of hiring a chief, presumably to bring harmony to the police force, was placed on the agenda at the request of councilman Jim Smith, although the special meeting had been scheduled only to discuss plans for the new municipal center.

McDonald, who has carried on the duties of police chief for the past two years, confirmed the impression received by Smith and other councilmen in recent months that the situation has gradually been deteriorating. He argued, however, that the matter was a petty one and had not impaired the efficiency of the force.

McDonald declared that the chief cause for the dissension has been the attempts of police sergeant Austin Green on several occasions to assert over his fellow officers an authority he does not have. The manager explained that two years ago when former police chief George Panagoulis left to assume the post of police chief for Prince Georges County, Green was promoted to sergeant with the definite understanding that he would not be in charge of the police force. McDonald stated that he is now convinced that he made a mistake in promoting Green and that Green is not qualified to handle the police department.

Green was present during the entire discussion but made no comment, nor were any questions directed to him by the council or city manager.

Green was given the promotion to sergeant as a reward for his long service on the Greenbelt force. However, McDonald emphasized, Green has been repeatedly reminded that his position is equal with the other officers. As sergeant he merely has additional responsibilities for uniforms, equipment, and scheduling substitutes for officers who are sick or go on leave.

McDonald charged that Green's attempts to establish authority over the other officers not only created dissension but led to ridicule as well as a series of "pranks" directed against the police sergeant. He announced that no officer had been involved in the pranks. Smith referred to an incident in which two officers who are neighbors did not speak to each other for two weeks.

Both the manager and the council made clear that Green was not on trial, and largely because of this a most intriguing piece of evidence, which might have revealed his side in the controversy,

was not heard by the council. This was a personal letter recently written by Green to McDonald, in which he apparently expressed his complaints and views on the situation. Councilman Smith, who had been earlier informed of the contents of the letter by Green's wife, tried in vain to have McDonald read the letter to the council. The manager declined to do so, indicating he felt that it would be "discourteous" to read it because it was strictly a personal letter.

Mayor Tom Canning and the other councilmen did not press the matter on the grounds that it was irrelevant to the subject of hiring a police chief. It was pointed out that this was basically a matter of employee relations.

Although Smith did not defend Green's alleged attempts to usurp authority he argued that Green had been placed in a difficult position in that he had been presented with a distinct badge and uniform raising him above the level of his fellow officers but without an equivalent increase in authority. McDonald himself admitted that residents of the city assumed that Sergeant Green was in charge of the police department and frequently came to him with their problems. He said that at times Green referred them to the manager but often he allowed them to retain this impression. Smith also scored McDonald for not putting in writing a description of Green's position giving the limits of his authority.

McDonald agreed there was need of a qualified chief of police to handle personnel. The council concluded the discussion by directing the manager to recommend someone for the position. It was admitted that the matter of funds to pay his salary, which was not included in the budget just passed, would have to be worked out.

Methodist Study Group

Sunday will be the first of a series of four Sunday evenings devoted to the subject "Youth and Responsible Society - A Christian Concern." Sunday, February 3, Mr. William Bartlett of the Community Chest Federation, will share his experiences on working on the problem of juvenile delinquency.

Many varied subjects will be studied and all adults attending will have a chance to study the book being used. Also on February 17 films will be shown. This course will be taught by Mrs. Walter Smith and is open to all adults.

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In accordance with customary practice of Congregational-Christian churches, (the parent affiliation of the Greenbelt Community Church) it is the duty of the Pastoral Supply Committee to screen all applicants and then, after a unanimous decision, recommend their first choice to the full congregation for the final vote of approval.

Until such time as a new minister is called, the Rev. Robert C. Hull, associate minister, has been asked to assume the duties of acting minister. He will occupy the pulpit every other Sunday, with guest speakers to fill in on the alternate Sundays. Mrs. Helen Hufendick, minister of Christian

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education, and Miss Elizabeth Goetze, minister of music and Church secretary, will carry on in their respective offices with the assistance of the Church board chairmen and department heads to insure the continuity of all church programs and activities.

The Pastoral Committee is composed of the following: Chairman, Lloyd L. Moore, moderator of the Church council; Andrew Duncan, chairman of the board of deacons. Stanley Edwards, chairman of the board of trustees; Harold Hufendick, teacher of the senior high class; Mrs. Vera Weber, superintendent of the Church school; Mrs. Elizabeth Love, teacher of the adult women's class; Mrs. Helen Mott, president of the combined women's groups.

Credit Union Raises Dividend Rate to 4%

At the annual meeting of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union highlighted by favorable reports by President Joe O'Neill and Treasurer Joe Comproni, the membership accepted the recommendation of the board of directors and voted to pay a 4% dividend on share deposits. This is an increase of 1/2% over the 3 1/2% paid last year.

Other business included election of 4 board members to round out the 7-man board, and a credit committee and supervisory committee of 3 members each.

Elected to the board were Joseph G. Brown, Mike Burchick, Jim Beck, and Joe Comproni. The credit committee members elected were Bernard Sisco, Al Folkman, and Edal Hughes. Elected to the supervisory committee were Ed Kaighn, Edwin R. Link, and Joe O'Neill.

After the membership meeting, the board held a special meeting to elect the following officers for the year: Folkman, president; Burchick, vice-president; Carl Eubank, secretary; and Comproni, treasurer.

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The Paul Campbell Story

by Russell Greenbaum

(This is the second and concluding installment of a series.)

When Paul Campbell leaves Greenbelt shortly to go to his new job as manager of a United Nations low-cost housing development for the natives of Jamaica, British West Indies, he will be the first to admit that he has not satisfactorily solved all the problems that confronted him during his three years as manager of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation.

In fact, Campbell would have liked another three years here to finish the job he started. This plus the fact that he likes to keep close to his large family—at 48 he has three children who have given him five grandchildren (with two more on the way)—made it difficult for him to accept the job in the exotic but far-off island of Jamaica.

These factors were counterbalanced by the new challenge and broader scope the Jamaica job offers him and the fact that he will only be away for two years. It is also the type of pioneering work that has always attracted Campbell during his 20 years in the co-operative and community housing project field. It is characteristic of Campbell that, although he knew the U.N. job paid a good salary, it was not until he had accepted the job that he found that all the benefits add up to more than \$4,000 a year higher than his present \$11,500 a year salary.

Campbell arrived in Greenbelt to find that the sale of the government-owned community to a mutual homeowners organization had resulted in near civil war and that the smoke of battle had not yet cleared away. President and first father of GVHC was the aggressive, hard-driving Mike Salzman, who had provided the vital spark that made the purchase of the community by GVHC possible. Campbell feels that if GVHC owes its existence to any one man, he is Mike Salzman, who was determined to set up a mutual homeowners organization.

As Campbell sees it, Salzman's ideas were thoroughly sound and valid but pursued with such force and vehemence that disagreements were apt to flame into bitter disputes. Campbell, a quiet man who

likes to look at life from the other person's viewpoint, found that his natural inclination to avoid taking sides stood him in good stead. In this way he avoided getting clobbered by someone taking a back-hand swipe at someone else. No one, however, should confuse his desire for harmony with timidity. Campbell was captain of his high school football team and later in the Navy volunteered for Pacific combat duty, where screaming Kamikaze attacks prepared him for some of those early board meetings.

One of his first problems, and the one that proved to be the most frustrating throughout his three years here, was to enforce the ruling by a majority of GVHC members that no dogs or cats should be permitted in GVHC homes. Campbell, a dog lover himself, who has had 15 dogs during his life, can understand the attachment that a person develops for a pet.

However, he sincerely believes that the close living pattern of Greenbelt makes it undesirable for dogs and cats to be allowed here. His problem has been complicated by the fact that no legal ruling has yet been obtained on whether the Corporation can force a homeowner to leave if he refuses to give up his pet. He suggests that a friendly case might be brought to court to test GVHC's rights in this matter. It is typical of Campbell, however, that he does not threaten residents who keep dogs but presents the argument that they are refusing to cooperate with the wishes of the decided majority of GVHC members. In this way, he has been able to succeed with some residents.

Another problem that remains unsolved is what to do with the GVHC frame or Defense homes,

which are structurally sound and, according to Campbell, can easily last another 50 years with the maintenance they are now receiving. He has come to the conclusion that it would not be practical to plan to raze them, although this is the advice of a local well-known architectural firm. He feels that this could not be accomplished until the land under the homes had increased in value far above the homes themselves, which would take at least ten years.

Campbell points out that a program for remodeling the exterior of the homes together with appropriate landscaping would make the homes acceptable and not a blight on the future residential development of Greenbelt. The GVHC board has accepted the idea and is purchasing the former North End Coop store to convert into a model of what would or can be done. Campbell also notes that by 1965 the World War II babies now crowding our schools will be starting out in married life and be in the market for inexpensive but attractive housing.

Campbell finds that all three GVHC presidents he served under—Ralph Webster and Ed Burgoon followed Salzman—have been men of high integrity and sincerity, although varying in personalities. He also has confidence in the board members that have been elected and feels that most of

them should be carried over from year to year. It would be desirable to have one or two new faces each year to bring a fresh slant to issues. He lauded the policy of the board in making full disclosure to the members of the operation of the Corporation. He noted happily that executive sessions of the board have been virtually eliminated in the last year or so.

Campbell said he is not disturbed by the lack of attendance at quarterly membership meetings, because he feels that this indicates the members have confidence in the leadership of the board. He said that the fact that they are well informed on board meetings through the GVHC Newsletter and particularly by the articles in the News Review makes it unnecessary for them to attend these meetings to keep informed. However, he points out that all members should take seriously their obligation to attend the annual meeting, so that business necessary for the functioning of the Corporation can be handled.

Campbell could not leave his post without emphasizing that his job was made much easier by the presence of Dave Kane, head of maintenance, and Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, in charge of sales, on his staff. He noted in particular that maintenance would not be the smooth-running operation it is today if Kane had not agreed to stay

GVHC Gets Discounts On Home Appliances

Renewal of arrangements with one of the more popular large distributing companies for Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation members to obtain national brand electrical appliances at a substantial discount was announced last week by board director, Percy Andros.

Among the items covered by this plan are refrigerators, ranges, air conditioners, freezers, automatic washing machines and dryers, dishwashers, garbage disposal units, and kitchen cabinets. The price includes delivery to the house and carries a one-year service warranty. Installation but not the cost of additional plumbing is included with respect to washers and dryers.

Andros emphasized that this plan is available only to GVHC members. For further information, call GR 4-7747.

on with GVHC when the government sold the community. Kane rapidly brought order out of what had become near chaos in the last months of the Government's operation. He characterized Mrs. Kinzer as an efficient, dedicated woman devoted to carrying out GVHC policy.

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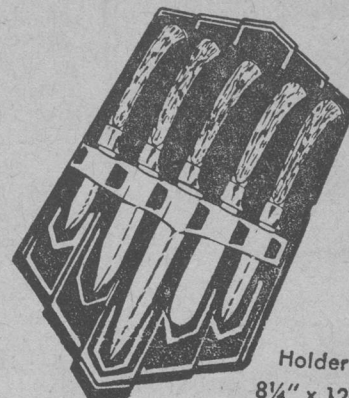
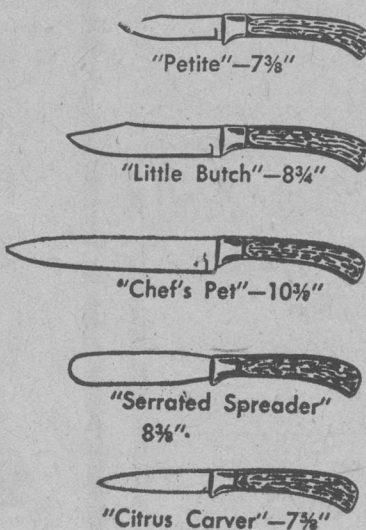
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